

**Western Area Power Administration
Electric Power Training Center
Tribal Webinar Series**

Background: The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, the U.S. DOE Tribal Energy Program, and the Western Area Power Administration are conducting a series of webinars that promote tribal energy sufficiency and foster economic development and employment on tribal lands through the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies. The webinars will

1. Discuss methods for Tribes to evaluate and develop their renewable energy resources,
2. Help them build the knowledge and skills essential for sustainable energy projects,
3. Outline a process of strategic energy planning for tribes interested in improving their energy security, sovereignty and local economy,
4. Provide renewable energy and energy efficiency information for tribal decision makers, and
5. Offer ways for Tribes and utilities to partner in renewable energy and energy efficiency development.

The webinar series started in August 2011 and will continue through September 2012. Future webinars and their topics are provided below. Additional webinars may be added. To get the complete list of upcoming Tribal webinars, go to www.repartners.org and click on the Tribal Webinar Series icon. Previous webinar presentations are available at the website, too. Topics include EPA's Green Power Partnership Program, an overview of the Power Marketing Administrations, transmission policy, vision of tomorrow's transmission grid, what you need to know about National Energy Regulatory Commission (NERC) compliance, and overview of requesting transmission service.

Who Should Attend: Tribes interested in responding to utility offered renewable RFPs and/or interested in learning more about the competitive power market, utility staff, and other stakeholders.

Sponsors: Western Area Power Administration, DOE - Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs, DOE - Tribal Energy Program, and EPA – Green Power Partnership Program.

Registration: There is no charge to participate in the webinars. However, you must register to join in on them. To register, go to www.repartners.org and click on the Tribal Webinar Series icon.

Topics and Dates: For each date, the webinar is 11:00 am to 12:30 pm Mountain Time

January 25, 2012 – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership Program

Summary: An overview of the EPA's Green Power Partnership Program, which is a voluntary program that supports Tribal procurement of green power by offering expert advice, technical support, tools and resources. Tribes who partner with EPA in this program can lower the transaction costs of buying green power, reduce their carbon footprint, and communicate their leadership to key stakeholders. The speakers will discuss the qualifying green power sources and the steps to becoming a Green Power Partner. Register now by clicking the link below: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/315871304> .

February 29, 2012 – Unwinding Transmission Policies

Summary: What is transmission policy, how is it established, who are the players. How is transmission policy enforced and who does it. What are some of the policy issues today and their potential impact is on transmission resources, i.e. Order 1000 (Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation). Register now by clicking the link below: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/158413553> .

March 28, 2012 – Understanding the Interconnection and Transmission Service Queues

Summary: Western has more than 16,000 MWs of proposed renewable resources in its collective Large Generator Interconnection Queues, representing more than 79 requests. What is the Large Generator Interconnection Procedure? How is Transmission Service requested? What does this mean for Tribes interested in gaining access to the transmission system? Register now by clicking the link below:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/276947088>

May 30, 2012 – Today's Energy Supply – Yesterday's Grid

Summary: An informative session and discussion on how utilities' generation portfolios are changing, often faster than the grid infrastructure that supports it and the challenges currently being faced to integrate new generation and demand (load) response technologies into a grid that was designed to operate a different way. Discussions will include summaries of transmission studies from the Western Grid Group and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Register now by clicking the link below:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/276921344> .

July 25, 2012 – Grid Reliability – Impacts to Tribal Renewable Projects

Summary: In 2008 NERC Reliability Standards Compliance became mandatory and non-compliance can result in monetary sanctions. This has raised the importance of Compliance Programs throughout the electric industry. This Webinar will provide an overview of the purpose and organization of a Compliance Program, what parts of the Bulk Electric System are in scope, the range of Reliability Standards affecting Power Operations and Maintenance, responsible Registered Entities, and how Tribal renewable projects can be impacted by reliability requirements. Register now by clicking the link below:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/613649169> .

September 26, 2012 - DOE Office of Indian Energy's START Program Status Updates

Summary: This webinar will provide an update the DOE Office of Indian Energy's Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) Program and the range of projects that were selected in 2012. START and Alaska START aims to advance clean energy generation in Indian Country and provide federally recognized Native American and Alaska Native governments with strategic technical assistance to accelerate clean energy project deployment. Register now by clicking the link below:
<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/277819696> .